

**BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
)	
Review of the Commission's Broadcast and)	MM Docket No. 98-204
Cable Equal Employment Opportunity)	
Rules and Policies)	

To: The Full Commission

**JOINT COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ALASKA, ARKANSAS, MISSISSIPPI AND
NEW MEXICO BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATIONS' "PETITION FOR
RECONSIDERATION"**

The State Broadcasters Associations identified in the footnote below (collectively, the "Forty Plus State Broadcasters Associations" or "State Associations"),¹ by and through their attorneys, and pursuant to Section 1.429 of the Commission's Rules, hereby jointly comment in unqualified support of the "Petition for Reconsideration" ("Joint State Associations Petition"), filed on behalf of the Alaska Broadcasters Association, the Arkansas Broadcasters Association,

¹ Alabama Broadcasters Association, Arizona Broadcasters Association, California Broadcasters Association, Colorado Broadcasters Association, Connecticut Broadcasters Association, Florida Association of Broadcasters, Georgia Association of Broadcasters, Hawaii Association of Broadcasters, Idaho State Broadcasters Association, Illinois Broadcasters Association, Indiana Broadcasters Association, Iowa Broadcasters Association, Kansas Association of Broadcasters, Kentucky Broadcasters Association, Louisiana Association of Broadcasters, Maine Association of Broadcasters, Maryland/DC/Delaware Broadcasters Association, Massachusetts Broadcasters Association, Michigan Association of Broadcasters, Missouri Broadcasters Association, Montana Broadcasters Association, Nebraska Broadcasters Association, Nevada Broadcasters Association, New Hampshire Association of Broadcasters, New Jersey Broadcasters Association, New York State Broadcasters Association, Inc., North Dakota Broadcasters Association, Ohio Association of Broadcasters, Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters, Oregon Association of Broadcasters, Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters, Radio Broadcasters Association of Puerto Rico, Rhode Island Broadcasters Association, South Carolina Broadcasters Association, South Dakota Broadcasters Association, Tennessee Association of Broadcasters, Texas Association of Broadcasters, Utah Broadcasters Association, Vermont Association of Broadcasters, Virginia Association of Broadcasters, Washington State Association of Broadcasters, Wisconsin Broadcasters Association and Wyoming Association of Broadcasters.

the Mississippi Association of Broadcasters and the New Mexico Broadcasters Association (collectively, the "Joint State Associations") of the Commission's *Second Report and Order and Third Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, released in the above-captioned proceeding on November 20, 2002, FCC 02-303 ("*Second R&O*"). The continued participation of the Forty Plus State Associations on reconsideration and clarification remains without prejudice to any position any of them may take in connection with the *Second R&O* and the regulations adopted thereunder.

The Forty Plus State Broadcasters Associations fully, and without qualification, support the Joint State Associations Petition for the reasons set forth therein, as well as for the reasons set forth in the "Petition for Reconsideration and Clarification" filed by the Forty Plus State Broadcasters Associations on February 6, 2003 in this proceeding.

Accordingly, the Forty Plus State Broadcasters Associations respectfully request the Commission to grant reconsideration and clarification of the *Second R&O* consistent with the positions taken by the Joint State Associations and the Forty Plus State Broadcasters Associations in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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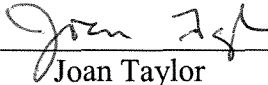
Dated: March 24, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Joan Taylor, a secretary with the law firm Shaw Pittman LLP, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Joint Comments in Support of Alaska, Arkansas, Mississippi and New Mexico Broadcasters Associations' "Petition for Reconsideration"** was sent via U.S. mail this 24th day of March 2003, to the following:

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